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SUBJ: LOS: MEETING ON ARCHIPELAGOS

1. A THIRD INFORMAL MEETING OF STATES ON THE QUESTION OF ARCHIPELAGOS WAS HELD ON APRIL 30 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AGAIN BRIEFING AMBASSADOR GALINDO POHL, COMMITTEE II CHAIRMAN, ON THE VITAL ISSUES OF DELEGATIONS. PRESENT WERE THE SAME EIGHT STATES WHO ATTENDED APRIL 29 MEETING; UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, SOVIET UNION, JAPAN, FIJI, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES, AND THE BAHAMAS, AS WELL AS MAURITIUS AND PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

2. INDONESIA BEGAN THE DISCUSSION, STATING THAT THE FOUR-POWER DRAFT SUBMITTED BY THE ARCHIPELAGIC STATES (INDONESIA, PHILIP-
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PINES, FIJI, AND MAURITIUS) REPRESENTED CONSIDERABLE COMPROMISE

ON THEIR PART, ADDING THAT THEY WERE OPEN TO ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR ALTERATIONS. THE PHILIPPINES THEN INTERVENED WITH THEIR USUAL POSITION, I.E. THAT THEY TREATED ALL WATERS WITHIN ARCHIPELAGIC BASELINES AS INTERNAL WATERS OVER WHICH THE ARCHIPELAGIC STATE EXERCISES SOVEREIGNTY. THEY REPORTED THEY WERE WILLING TO GRANT INNOCENT PASSAGE TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS THROUGH CUSTOMARY NAVIGATIONAL ROUTES, BUT FOR NON-COMMERCIAL VESSELS, INCLUDING WARSHIPS, PASSAGE WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO SUITABLE SEA LANES, DESIGNATED BY THE ARCHIPELAGIC STATE, SUBJECT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT. PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED FOR ALL OVERFLIGHT OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.

3. MINISTER ADDERLEY OF THE BAHAMAS SUBMITTED A LIST OF 18 PRINCIPLES, BASED ON THE EARLIER BAHAMIAN DRAFT, OUTLINING BASICALLY THE U.S. POSITION ON REGIME OF ARCHIPELAGOS. JAPAN MADE A STRONG INTERVENTION, SUGGESTING THAT THERE SHOULD BE OBJECTIVE AND REASONABLE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING ARCHIPELAGOS, A LAND-WATER RATIO OF 1:5, A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF BASELINES OF 80 NAUTICAL MILES, UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH TRADITIONAL ROUTES, AND INNOCENT PASSAGE THROUGH OTHER ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, AND RECOGNITION BY THE ARCHIPELAGIC STATE OF TRADITIONAL-RIGHTS OF NEIGHBORING STATES IN NEWLY-DESIGNATED ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL FISHING RIGHTS.

4. THE UNITED STATES STATED THAT A BALANCE MUST BE STRUCK BETWEEN RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF EACH GROUP, AND OUTLINED THE U.S. POSITION. THE SOVIET UNION THEN INTERVENED TO CHALLENGE THE PHILIPPINE POSITION, SUGGESTING CRITERIA SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO RECOMMEND THE BAHAMA DRAFT AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION; PAPUA-NEW GUINEA REP NOTED THAT THE CRITERIA SUGGESTED IN THE BAHAMA DRAFT WOULD SUIT ALL OR MOST OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, AND FINALLY THE UNITED KINGDOM SUPPORTED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT THE BAHAMAS DRAFT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

5. CHAIRMAN GALINDO POHL THANKED ALL DELEGATIONS FOR MAKING CONCISE STATEMENTS, STATING THAT THE BUREAU WAS NOW IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO DRAFT A NEGOTIATING TEXT.DALE

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